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For: <b>SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR HANDLING</b>	)	
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action dated September 11, 2008 and the Advisory Action mailed November 18, 2008, Attorney for the Assignee submits the following amendments, remarks, Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and Petition for (One-Month) Extension of Time. In light of these amendments and remarks, Attorney for the Assignee respectfully asserts that all of the claims of the patent application are patentable, and that the application be allowed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

**Conclusion** begins on page 11 of this paper.